



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Toshiaki Kanemitsu et al

Appln. No. : 09/157,318

Filed : September 21, 1998

For : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN
ANNULAR MEMBER MADE FROM A
METAL SHEET HAVING A PERIPHERAL
WALL (AS AMENDED)

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION WITH AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 in response to the Office Action of September 17, 2002 and in a bona fide effort to place this application in condition for allowance.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 further as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) A method of manufacturing an annular member from a disc-shaped metal sheet material defining an outer periphery, comprising the steps of:

forming the disc-shaped metal sheet to have a non-processed portion

including the outer periphery and a stepped portion defined by an inclined wall, and an inner

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